

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

DELTA Project: Developing and Enhancing Leaders and Teachers for Achievement

Project 21 of the Delta Health Initiative funded by the Delta Health Alliance

Purpose: To prepare and support school leaders and teachers to work in the high needs Mississippi Delta region where there is a critical shortage of leaders and teachers

Leadership Study Program

Goal 1: Equip building level leaders with knowledge, skills and dispositions to create healthy, high achieving schools that support teachers in the development of healthy, high achieving students in high risk areas of the Mississippi Delta

Target: 15 graduates of the full-time educational leadership cohort program each year

Activities:

- Support Faculty development/training
- Curriculum development/revision/delivery to include CDC's healthy schools components
- Tuition scholarships for 15 cohort participants
- Living stipends for selected initial program students
- Additional support for initial and advanced programs

Goal 2: Provide continuing professional growth opportunities to practicing Delta area school leaders and teachers focusing on developing and maintaining a safe, orderly and healthy school environment for students, staff and the school community.

Target: 100 practicing administrators, teachers and support staff/ 2 school districts

Activities:

- DELTA Leadership Institute
- Develop and conduct professional growth modules focused on healthy school

Teacher Education/Shortage Program

Goal 3: Equip beginning teachers with the knowledge, skills and dispositions to develop healthy, high achieving students and school environments that impact the economic viability and quality of life in communities across the Mississippi Delta

Targets: 35 completers of Teacher Education program employed each year in Delta area school
27 scholarship recipients
40 teacher education candidates involved in Literacy Enhancement Clinic/50 P-12 students

Activities:

- Scholarships for high quality, eligible candidates
- Curriculum development/revision/delivery to include healthy schools components
- Support faculty development and training
- Literacy Enhancement Clinic to provides experiences in developing literacy skills through health and nutrition related curriculum with K-12 students
- Pre-service teacher field experiences to exemplary school sites in collaboration with Mississippi Valley State University

Goal 4: Provide recent graduates with support and continuing professional growth opportunities to improve teacher retention in Delta area schools

Target: 35 in-service beginning teachers (graduates of DSU and MVSU)

Activities:

- Conduct needs assessment
- Develop professional growth modules

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Delta Project includes the following assistance and support for both Leadership Development and Teacher Education/Shortage Programs

- Center for Teaching and Learning
- Project management
- Support for COE Assessment Program
- Professional Development for Faculty/Staff
- Project evaluation services